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The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Re.: The City of Gulf Shores, Alabama's TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write with regard to the City of Gulf Shores application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant.

I have been informed that the City of Gulf Shores is seeking TIGER funding to facilitate the construction of the Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project. It is anticipated that this project will expand existing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the Waterway Village District and across the Intracoastal Canal. Specifically, this TGIER funding would fund approximately three miles of complete streets, create a more efficient access point to the future terminal area of the Jack Edwards Airport, construct a pedestrian bridge to accommodate foot traffic, and widen Highway 59. Together, these improvements will mitigate congestion, improve public safety, promote economic development, and increase community resilience by promoting regional connectivity that is critical to successful evacuation efforts during storms, or other natural disasters.

Therefore, it is my hope that, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, the DOT gives full and fair consideration to the City of Gulf Shores' TIGER application. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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